

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Giuseppe Scollo

In Residence

Julia Di Paolo - **Secretary**

PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM
1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church, and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

Matthew 22:1-14



INVITE EVERYONE YOU CAN TO THE WEDDING

A wedding is a time of joy and completion after long preparation, a time of love and of complete satisfaction. In Judaism at the time of Jesus the coming of the Messiah is often compared to a wedding-feast. The marriage-feast at Cana must have been some party! At Mary's request Jesus produced 200 gallons of wine. The Letter to the Ephesians teaches that the love in a human wedding is only a pale shadow of Christ's love for his bride, the Church. In this story of the royal wedding, however, two things go drastically wrong. First, the original wedding-guests refuse to come. Not only do they refuse, but they brutally maltreat the innocent messengers, and the king (who must stand for God) relentlessly burns down their city. This must be an adjustment to Jesus' story, applying it to the Sack of Jerusalem, captured and burnt by the Romans in 70AD, a few years before Matthew was writing. Secondly, the man who has no wedding-garment is slung out. A wedding-garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. For us Christians, too, the story constitutes a double warning.

Come riuscirà la Chiesa, Sposa di Cristo, a presentare agli uomini del nostro mondo, della nostra società post-cristiana, l'incredibile invito del Padre alle nozze di suo Figlio? Come far sedere alla tavola di questo "banchetto di grasse vivande, di cibi succulenti, di vini raffinati" un'umanità apparentemente senza appetito? Questo compito appassionante di tutta la Chiesa - questa nuova evangelizzazione - deve occupare tutti i figli del nuovo popolo di Dio. Ne va di mezzo la vita e la vita del mondo. Sembra che annunciare l'invito con un nuovo ardore, con nuovi metodi, con una nuova espressione non sia un mezzo superato. Alcuni tra coloro che trasmettono questo invito alle nozze saranno forse maltrattati, forse uccisi. Ci saranno certamente quelli che rifiutano l'invito. Poco importa. C'è gente agli angoli delle strade. Basta annunciare con convinzione che noi andiamo a un banchetto, che l'invito di Cristo è arrivato fino a noi e che noi conosciamo le portate. Basta sapere che noi possiamo tutto in colui che ci conforta.

L'annunciamo così? Siamo convincenti perché abbiamo già partecipato a questo banchetto? Non c'è niente di più ripugnante di coloro le cui parole ripetono quello che dicono gli altri, senza dare prova di alcuna esperienza.

"Obedience unites us so closely to God that it in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His.

If obedience is lacking, even prayer cannot be pleasing to God."

~St. Thomas Aquinas~



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In the Chapel, when there is a funeral
Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!



SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Joan Beverly LaFrance & Edward Richard

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Elizabeth Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Francesco Ferrante
Giuseppe Canini e famiglia
Mike Cuoppolo
Grace Zeno
Salvatore Simone e famiglia
Maria e Matteo Lombardi
Michele Morra e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Paolo-Giuseppina-Rosalina-Maria Manca

3:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY OCTOBER 16TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Francis & David Senewiratne

12:00 P.M. - Merinda Dominguez

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Sarah & Albert Perera

12:00 P.M. - Lucila Aws

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + William Chan

12:00 P.M. - Mr. Chan

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Rosaline Seamus Hanratty

8:30 A.M. + Sarah & Albert Perera

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Chrissie & Johnny Amereskere

7:00 P.M. - James Burlton

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Alroy Jacob

10:00 A.M. + Marcos Tolentino Lobo



Weekly Offertory:

Last week's collection: \$6,087.10

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



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Dear Friends in Christ, last Sunday at the 11:30 am Mass, our Archbishop, His Grace, The Most Reverend Francis Leo, came to our parish to celebrate The Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate of Daniel Lee. The crisp Autumn morning gifted us with a refreshing breeze that cooled the entire church, which was filled to capacity by people from all walks and states of life. In attendance were many of Daniel's family and friends, priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, and lay faithful from throughout the Archdiocese. The celebration was a wonderful, grace-filled event for all who witnessed it.

Before being ordained to the diaconate, Daniel had to declare before the people of God his intention to undertake the office: to be ordained for the Church's ministry; to discharge the office of deacon with humility and love in order to assist the bishop and the priests and to serve the people of Christ; to hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, and to proclaim it in word and action as it is taught by the Gospel and the Church's tradition; to live a celibate life as a sign of dedication of his life to Christ the Lord; and to guard and increase the spirit of prayer proper to his way of life, and to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours for the Church and the whole world; and resolve to conform his manner of life to the example of Christ. Moreover, Daniel had to make a promise of respect and obedience to the Archbishop and his successor (cf. Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate).

After making these promises, and following the invitation to prayer and the invocation of the heavenly saints, Daniel experienced the essential elements of the ordination - the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination. *"In the ancient tradition of the Church, the sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands, followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the elect the graces of the Holy Spirit required for service in the Church"* (cf. Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate). And with the completion of these simple actions, Daniel was ordained to serve in the Church.

In his closing remarks, Daniel shared with us the powerful words, which he received from a nun he knew. She told him: *"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you"* [Author's note: the origin of these words have been disputed with some attributing it to Pope Francis, while others arguing that it originates from an ancient Sanskrit proverb]. What the wise nun intended to underline for Daniel was the importance of his call to a life of service. His ordination to the diaconate (and future ordination to the priesthood) is first-and-foremost a call to serve the people of God in the Church. Should Daniel live his life with this fundamental call in mind, he would undoubtedly be following in the footsteps of Our Lord, who told His apostles that *"just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many"* (Mt. 20:28).

As Daniel begins his life of service, let us keep him, and the other seminarians who have been ordained to the diaconate, in our prayers. Let us beseech the Lord to abundantly bless each of them with a spirit of generosity so that they can lovingly and wholeheartedly serve all who will be entrusted to their spiritual care.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

Vocation Reflection . . . How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca email vocations@archtoronto.org



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

The First Reconciliation and Communion Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 2 or older. For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - FR/FHC](http://www.slm.ca).



Parents **MUST** bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates:

Thursday, November 9th at 7PM
Saturday, November 11th at 10AM

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 7 or older. For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - Confirmation](http://www.slm.ca).



Parents **MUST** bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates:

Thursday, November 9th at 7PM
Saturday, November 18th at 10AM

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**ALL SOULS' DAY MASS – SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2023 @ 2PM**

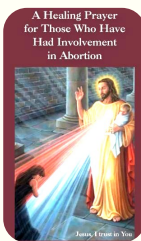
Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
 - Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
 - Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
 - Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
 - Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum
- All are welcome!**

**Day of Praying and Healing
after Abortion - Oct 28, 2023**

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided.

CONTACT: The Sisters of Life TEL#: 4164632722
EMAIL: toronto@sistersoflife.org
WEB: <https://sistersoflife.org>



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION, OCTOBER 22

This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Dear Padre

October 15, 2023

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

"God's love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now."

~St. Thomas Aquinas~

Renew your Faith and Reaffirm your Beliefs!

Join our Pastor

Fr. Thomas Lim
PILGRIMAGE TO
EGYPT, JORDAN &
HOLY LAND



April 24 - May 10, 2024
17 days

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or at [SLM Website](#)

For more information call Sisca
416.731.8252



FATHER
YOU CALLED

SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.

HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

AMEN